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1. About 240 units of an unidentified type of aircraft equipment were stored on large shelves in the hangars on the western border of the Lvov airfield (24°0'E/49°50'N), Ukrainian SSR (see Attached sketch). The sets observed were of two types:

Size I: about 1.8 meters long and 0.6 meter in diameter

Size II: about 2.6 meters long and 1 meter in diameter.

2. Description: The apparatus resembled an airplane with two wing butts, their span being about half the chord. They had a peculiar tiltable tail fin. The front section of the fish-shaped body was closed by a cap. The joint between body and cap was sealed by a rubber ring. The cap and the tail fin were connected by a wire running over rollers. An unknown mechanism was released in the interior of the body by the tilting of the tail fin. All visible parts of the apparatus were of light metal. Weight: 25 to 30 kg. No drive mechanism equipment of any kind was seen in the interior of the set, which was painted dark blue. No marking or lettering was seen.

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Comment :

- a. Reported for the first time. They probably are a special type of drop container which may be filled with various substances, particularly fluids. The wing butts and the rudder assembly are probably to maintain the gliding ability and the course of the apparatus after its release; the wire will open the cap as soon as the drag has pushed the rudder assembly back to a specific position.
- b. This type of container may be used for chemical warfare or filled with incendiary agents, but many other kinds of utilization are also possible (dropping of supplies and arms, etc.).

1. Annex: Unidentified Aircraft Equipment seen in Lvov

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